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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A combustion exhaust gas processing device comprising:

a dust collector collecting dust in combustion exhaust gas;

a wet dust collector collecting water soluble components and dust in the combustion exhaust gas passed through the dust collector; and

a catalyst tower decomposing and removing NOx and/or dioxins in the combustion exhaust gas passed through the wet dust collector;

wherein the combustion exhaust gas is exhausted from a cement kiln.

- 2. (Original) The combustion exhaust gas processing device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a reheater heating the combustion exhaust gas discharged from the wet dust collector at a front stage of the catalyst tower.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The combustion exhaust gas processing device as claimed in claims 1 or 2, further comprising an oxidizer adding device adding an oxidizer to the combustion exhaust gas passed through the dust collector.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The combustion exhaust gas processing device as claimed in claims 1, or 2 or 3 further comprising a solid/liquid separator separating slurry discharged from the wet dust collector into solid and liquid phases, and a mercury absorbing tower absorbing mercury in liquid separated in the solid/liquid separator.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The combustion exhaust gas processing device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4 or 2 further comprising a heat recovering device, at a rear stage of the catalyst tower, heating gas supplied from the reheater with the combustion exhaust gas discharged from the catalyst tower.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The combustion exhaust gas processing device as claimed in claim 3, 4 or 5 wherein said oxidizer includes hypochlorous acid soda and/or ozone.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The combustion exhaust gas processing device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6 or 2 wherein said wet dust collector is a mixing scrubber.
 - 8. (Cancelled)

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9. (Currently Amended) A method of processing a combustion gas comprising the steps of:

collecting dust in combustion exhaust gas;

collecting water soluble components and dust in the combustion exhaust gas through wet process; and

decomposing and removing NOx and/or dioxins in the combustion exhaust gas after said wet dust collection by using catalyst;

wherein the combustion exhaust gas is exhausted from a cement kiln.

- 10. (Original) The method of processing a combustion exhaust gas as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of heating the combustion exhaust gas before decomposing and removing NOx and/or dioxins in the combustion exhaust gas by using catalyst.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The method of processing a combustion exhaust gas as claimed in claims 9 or 10, further comprising the step of adding an oxidizer to the combustion exhaust gas after the dust collection.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method of processing a combustion exhaust gas as claimed in claims 9, or 10 or 11 further comprising the step of solid/liquid separating the slurry generated by the wet dust collection, and adsorbing mercury in liquid separated in the solid/liquid separation.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The method of processing a combustion exhaust gas as claimed in one of claims 9 to 12 or 10 wherein residence time of said exhaust gas in the wet dust collector is more or equal to 1 second and less or equal to 10 seconds.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The method of processing a combustion exhaust gas as claimed in claim 11, 12 or 13 wherein said oxidizer includes hypochlorous acid soda and/or ozone.
 - 15. (Cancelled)